

October 29 2022

NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 29 2022 10:00 AM The Gladstone Inn Jamestown,ND & via ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Rylan Sundsbak, Sue Karn, Katherine Beaudine, Robin Danielson, Jesse Armstrong, Connie Armstrong, Mary Youngs, Leslie Foss, Andrea Butler, Ryanne Bakke, Scott Flach, Doreen Swenson, & Dawn Martin, Becki Youngs, Ryanne Bakke. VIA ZOOM: Denise Majerus, Keely Hewitt, Nikki Medalen & Paige Brummund.

AGENDA

President Rylan Sundsbak called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was presented via email ,BOD messenger & BOD Facebook page prior to the meeting. Doreen made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report, seconded by Mary, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented via email & in person with the ending balances:

Open \$20,033.43/Amateur \$39,422.26/ Youth \$11,832.37/Futurity \$9595.33.

Doreen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sue, approved subject to audit.

Membership Report

Robin reported that the Final 2022 NDQHA membership at 143. 19 New/ 21 Open/ 92 Amateur/ 30 Youth.

Amateur-Leslie Foss

Leslie reported that the Amateur's held a meeting the week before. Makayla, Abby & Tara volunteered to take care of the 2022 Year end Amateur awards. Leslie will spearhead the committee.

There has been an issue with having a quorum at the meetings since only one is required for year end qualifications. Breaks in the chain of command need addressing. Possibly post an agenda the week before as a reminder to guarantee a quorum. Discussion was held about how to streamline the show schedule, possibly eliminate Rookie classes?

The Pre Fair Show numbers were down. The Wadena Run did well. Possibly move Trial Warm up to the first day at the Wadena Run. Set it up the night before for practice. Dates have been set and judges are hired.

Wadena Run:

Amateurs will be offering \$25 Class Sponsorships. They plan to include a Reserve Champion Award. Proceeds will go to cover the cost of year end awards. The Amateurs have sponsored Region 2 in the past. They discussed possibly distributing their funds differently. The NDQHA Futurity, Versatility show, etc.

State Fair Show:

Corporate Challenge will be held 7/12 -16/2022. This falls a week before the State Fair show. We may lose some exhibitors.

Discussion was held on whether to have the State Fair show be a Specialty show such as a Futurity or Versatility Show. Versatility Ranch & Reining horses can't compete the same day. Scott felt that the State Fair would insist on a full AQHA Show. Scott is hiring judges.

Youth Report-Jesse

Jesse reported that the youth have 17 year end awards. They are working on whether to do prizes or cash awards. \$220 was raised by the basket auction during the Fall Hi-Line. She stated that the Youth BOD was very nice to work with. Maggie did a great job as President. Jesse did have difficulty getting help from youth &/or their parents when she reached out. A new Youth Advisor is

still needed for 2022. Jesse has reached out to Abby Stensgard about possibly taking over the position. Jesse & Tara Wolf would help her. She suggested that the BOD reach out to Abby.

Committee Reports

Annual Convention-Mary

Mary reported the annual Convention is confirmed for January 6 & 7 2023 at the Radisson in downtown Bismarck. A block of rooms has been reserved at \$99 a night. Reservations must be made by 12/20/22 to guarantee being in that block of rooms. They will still honor the price if booked after the 20th. It is suggested that we have attendees pre-pay for their meals. We lost quite a bit of money because of the storm. The reserved number of meals is paid regardless whether the people attend or not. Volunteers are needed to verify the payment of meals & sell tickets for the Chinese Auction. Mary is also looking for sponsors for the banquet. Mary requested that anyone who donates a prize send her a picture to be posted online. \$600 was raised via the Chinese Auction in 2022. It was suggested that we eliminate the Friday night social for 2023. Room & food expenses are quite high. Scott & Ryanne thought hosting a TRAINERS ONLY SOCIAL every three years or so would be a nice gesture. Possibly doing just a bar, no food. Mary is working on a scavenger hunt type activity. Connie has solidified the DJ for Saturday evening.

Awards-Andrea

Andrea has received a list of qualified exhibitors from Kristy Goodall for 2022 Year End awards. The same amount of awards have been ordered. the price of the awards is likely to have increased. Discussion was held about the percentage of funds used for awards. Andrea would like to see a set percentage budgeted for year end awards. We would then be able to adjust our prizes according to monies available each year. Sue will reimburse the open account \$94 for bags that were used as Futurity Prizes. In 2022 Awards used an estimated 30% of the current NDQHA budget.

By-Laws-Denise

An amendment to the By-laws was suggested. It would include the following: A member of the NDQHA Board of Directors is required to be a current member of the NDQHA.

Needs clarification: If a BOD member misses 2 consecutive meetings of the board, they are automatically removed from the BOD. BOD may move to remove or not. Rylan & Darnise will get together to draft the amendment/clarifications.

Directory-Keely & Nikki

Keely & Nikki would like to put together the 2023 NDQHA Directory. The front cover & the back cover are already reserved. They asked if the Board was happy with the 2022 edition & if anything should be changed? The BOD was very pleased with the 2022 NDQHA Directory. Nikki & Keely will draft a proposal for payment at the next BOD meeting.(12/7/2022). Keely asked the BOD to consider a change in the price structure.(Ad pricing).There will most likely be an increase in printing costs. She also asked if we would like more copies this year.An estimate of how many to order so she can get a quote on pricing. Directories should be available at all NDQHA events,Region 2,all area horse events.

Budget & Financial Review-Doreen

Doreen reported that NDQHA lost money on both shows. She asked if the BOD thought we should have a guaranteed number of stalls reserved before we host a show. Scott felt we should avoid canceling shows or set a number of stall requirements.NDQHA still made \$2813.33 in 2022. Doreen proposed that we work with show management to find the most cost effective options. Becki would like to see us do more fundraising to offset the costs of the shows. Katie will send a Paypal monthly summary to Doreen.

Futurity -Sue

Sue reported that the Futurity offered 13 classes. All classes had entries. The largest classes were Ranch Riding. \$5200 in entry money & \$4000 in sponsorship money . Sponsors were announced at the show & on the website. A

new Futurity Chair is needed for 2023. Discussion was held about possibly teaming up with Premier Sires Futurity.

Hall of Fame-(No Jacob) Connie Armstrong

Connie said the budget for the Hall of Fame would be around \$500 for the hotel room, 2 meals & the Plaque. (John) Freliche Quarter Horses sons , Warren & Terry, have been contacted.

Horse of the Year-

In the past a traveling trophy has been presented along with a small plaque to keep. The nominating process will be discussed at the December BOD meeting. Leslie recommended Cowboy Coop for the permanent award. Rylan will contact them.

Marketing & Membership-Paige

Paige had no new changes to report. She would like to see more incentives offered to prospective members who don't show. Trail rides, clinics offered by professional horsemen. Offer the clinic to those who pay the fee & a membership. Membership forms & packets will be sent to trainers in the area in the future. She felt we should have the information available at horse sales, expos ,etc. It is ultimately up to the membership to encourage horse owners to join NDQHA. Discussion was held on possibly requiring exhibitors to become members if they wish to show at NDQHA shows.

Shows & Special Events-(No Kristi)

New Business

2022 Show Review/ 2023 Show Dates

Doreen reported that we lost money on both of our NDQHA Shows. Summer Hi-Line -\$5917.35/ Fall Hi-Line -\$1852.50 We need to find Sponsors to offset some of the costs. Charge a consistent amount for stalls, shavings & camping.

Valley City charges \$25 per stall to clean them. Show management should be required to provide a detailed contract . This contract should specify their duties, what they are responsible for, and where we can save money. Car rentals are spendy. Could someone volunteer to give the judges rides? A new Show Committee Chair will be needed. Rylan will fill in until the position is filled. Andrea requested we add the following to our entry forms and showbills: NO TIE OUTS, absolutely NO DOGS in the facility, NO PARKING on the west side of the Winter Show Building.

2023 Show Options

Leslie asked if we should consider eliminating the Summer Hi-Line. The show has consistently lost money. Discussion was held on the pros & cons of eliminating the show, Moving the Date, hosting a different event in June for the members, possibly a Trail Ride or clinic. Rylan made a motion to eliminate the Summer Hi-Line,seconded by Doreen , motion carried.

Fall Hi-Line

The Fall Hi-line will be either a 3 judge/3 day judges or a 4 day/4 judge show.The show committee will meet following the BOD meeting to decide the number of days & judges,along with classes to be offered & the show schedule.A show of hands vote was taken to decide on a date. The Fall Hi-Line will be held on September 1-4th for a 4 day show. September 2-4 for a 3 day show . Location will be at the Winter Show Building in Valley City ,ND. A New Name will need to be picked. Connie suggested North Dakota Legendary show.Discussion was held on which shows should be NDQHA year end qualifiers.
Tabled until the Annual Meeting

Show Management-Rylan

We need to hire show management as soon as possible. We will put out a contract for bids to be submitted by 11/15/22. Sherri Matuska has withdrawn her position as NDQHA Show Secretary.Rylan will contact possible candidates. Scott & RYanne will compile a list of responsibilities for the show staff.A special BOD meeting will be held on Wednesday November 16,2022 at 8:00 pm via Zoom to approve the contract for Show Staff.

Ranch Riding & Hoof Black-Andrea

Discussion was held on the restriction of hoof black in Ranch riding Classes. The BOD feels that the rule is limiting the number of possible exhibitors in those classes. Dawn & Scott believe it is an issue that should be discussed with the judges if there is a question of whether or not the exhibitor has used hoof black. Possibly with the President of the BOD or a designated member of the board. Dawn & Scott will investigate more at AQHA Ranch Committee level. Their feeling from prior meetings is that the rule is unlikely to be changed. They encourage all members to submit an incident report to the AQHA Ranch Committee.

Youth Director- Jesse

Jesse has contacted Abby Stensgaard about taking the position of Youth Advisor. She requested the members of the BOD contact her & encourage her to take the position.

Class Sponsorships-Andrea

Andrea asked if a class can have more than one person sponsor it? The consensus was to leave it at one sponsorship per class. Approximately 30% of the 2022 NDQHA budget was spent on Awards. Andrea & Doreen will have a proposal for awards ready to present at the November 16, 2022 meeting.

Absorbing the Youth & Amateur into the NDQHA Primary Account-Andrea

Discussion was held as to why we have 3 separate checking accounts. The Youth & Amateur Associations fall under the NDQHA umbrella. It was suggested that it would be more unifying & fiscally responsible to have one checking account. Youth & Amateur would still have their specific funds available. It was mentioned that Youth is a separate AQHA Association that falls under the NDQHA umbrella. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of combining the accounts. *Tabled until the Annual Meeting*

Fundraising for Members-Ryanne Bakke

Members had approached Ryanne about donating their allotted prize amount to NDQHA members who are in crisis. We currently have several members battling serious illnesses . A Committee of current NDQHA members is working on the legalities of setting up such an organization. Ryanne, Tara Wolf, Leslie Foss, Kristi Goodall & Vicky Boergen are willing to serve on the committee and oversee it. Ryanne asked if NDQHA would be willing to help fund & oversee it, have a donation link on the website,etc.Funds could be distributed annually or Bi-annually. It's possible that a foundation may need to be set up . An online Auction could be held with proceeds going into the fund.Ryanne will continue to gather information to be presented to the BOD Saturday or Sunday AM of the Annual Meeting. The NDQHA BOD decided they would like to be of help. Ryanne will email all information as she gathers it, lawyers info,etc to Robin. Robin will forward it to the board.

Fundraising Options for NDQHA

Class sponsor at the Wadena Run & September Show for \$25.00.

Clinicians fundraisers usually bring in \$2500-6000.

All Around Clinic & A Ranch Riding Clinic. Offering Auditing too.

Keep the Judges over a day after the show.

Big Raffle for a saddle.

Proceeds from one clinic go towards fundraising for members in crisis.

Horse If the Year nominations.

Website Inconsistency-By-Laws

Robin will contact Keely to have her update the front page By-laws.

Adjourn

Doreen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sue, meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NDQHA BOD will be held on Wednesday November 16th 2022 at 8:00pm via ZOOM to Approve the 2023 Show Staff

The regularly scheduled NDQHA BOD meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 7, 2022 .

December Agenda Items

Is a change in the number of Judges to qualify for year end needed.

Which shows are NDQHA year end qualifiers.

Name change for the Fall Hi-Line.

Add "Fundraising" to either the By-Law or hall of Fame Committee.

NDQHA Secretary, Robin Danielson

